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We are informed by Mr. R. R. Bruce, local agent for C. P. R. lands, that during the month of March, he disposed of over 1,100 acres of land and that the purchasers are mostly men from the prairie provinces, who have tired of the plains and its ceaseless winds, and intend settling in this valley. This is the beginning, and Mr. Bruce hopes that the month of April will see a great increase over that of last month, having already received a number of applications for land by intending settlers.

"Southern British Columbia" is a term now much used by people and newspapers, but it appears to be not clearly understood by many people resident outside of British Columbia. Therefore, it might be well to state that the Kootenay and Boundary districts comprise what is now generally spoken of as "Southern British Columbia" and North East Kootenay is one of its wealthiest parts, being divided into the Windermere and Golden Mining Divisions.

Southern British Columbia contains rich farming, stock-raising, fruit-growing, lumbering, mining and coal and petroleum areas reached by good transportation facilities, and provided with excellent markets for all the products of these areas.

This portion of the province is a mountainous country, with intervening valleys of splendid arable pasture lands, magnificent timber areas, and incomparable waterways.

Mining and lumbering at present occupy the most prominent positions, and this fact has tended to lead many agriculturists, fruit growers and stock-raisers to assume that the resources of these districts are limited to the mineral and timber wealth. The wonderful success, however, of a few pioneers has now demonstrated that the districts are well adapted to general farming, fruit-growing and live stock production, and as these facts have become more generally known many new settlers have taken up new locations.

The markets, soil, climate and other conditions warrant an immense increase in this class of population, and there is every indication that this portion of British Columbia is now going to receive its proportion of the large immigration to the West.

Like all new countries, the man with capital has an easier course and greater opportunities than the man of small means, but in British Columbia the poor man is afforded exceptional chances of bettering his condition and obtaining his own home, provided he is determined to work intelligently and industriously, and the man of pluck and perseverance will surely reap ample returns from his labors, as is evidenced by those who have already settled and proved by the encouraging results they have obtained.

The climate in Southern British Columbia is one of the most attractive features, being both healthy and pleasant. The summers are moderate, without excessive heat, and with cool nights, and the winters are mild, with very little snow except at high altitudes.

At the present writing we have not heard just what the minister of public works at Victoria now intends doing with those pre-emptors of land who have not paid up as directed by the 15th inst. However, it is our humble opinion that the Hon. Mr. Green should be extremely lenient with them. In fact in very many instances instead of cancelling their lands he should issue them Crown Grants free of further charges. Settlers whose lands were taken up and their payments due previous to 1899 and who have not yet been able to pay deserve the land free—that is, those settlers who have actually tried to work and improve them. No one who has not visited the rural districts previous to the advent of roads and transportation facilities can have any idea of the hardships the pioneers have endured. Many of these are struggling along and are denying themselves comforts in order to get their farms onto a productive basis, and to enforce an order as drastic as this one seems to be would utterly ruin them, as in many cases they are unable to pay all that is due the government and would, therefore, be compelled to abandon the hold-

ings on which they have lavished so much time and in some instances money, and give up to the Crown the very roots over their heads.

Admitting that some of these settlers are delinquent to day on account of carelessness or bad management, is it right to take their lands from them for that reason? We think not, especially seeing the millions of acres given to big corporations upon which no improvements whatever have been made. It is not fair to force the individual and give to these big corporations.

The Dominion Government give land to pioneers on conditions of improvements and the Legislature of B.C. might well do the same, especially for the early pioneer.

But the most unreasonable feature of the present situation is that the delinquent pre-emptor was not even sent a personal notice of this drastic order. As an example only three copies of the B.C. Gazette come into the Windermere district and it is safe to say nobody cares to read it except for legal purposes and the average rancher is not looking for legal trouble or reading.

The Legislature should seek to encourage and not to harass the settlers for some years to come and then they will be in a position to assist the Legislature in return.

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THE PIONEERS
 I love the man of nerve who dares to dash
 The sturdy hero, stalwart through and
 through,
 Who treats the untamed path, evades
 the rat,
 And in a forest clearing builds a hut;
 Removes the taxes encumbering the soil
 And founds an empire based on thought
 and toil.
 With wants but few, no pioneer will
 crave
 A crown in life nor flowers on his grave,
 He leaves behind the slavery of style,
 The myriads of pride, deceit, and
 guile,
 Existing with the cohorts of the free
 The motto on his shield is "Liberty."
 What care he for the monarch's jeweled
 crown?
 For the prince or plutocrat, for fame's
 renown?
 The turmoil and the strife of endless
 guerd
 When endless toil supplies each simple
 need?
 He seeks not glory, yet the future years
 Wear all their laurels for the pioneers

THE LITTLE ARMCHAIR
 Nobody sits in the little armchair;
 It stands in a corner doing
 But a white-haired mother, gazing there,
 And yearningly thinking of him,
 So, through the dust of the long ago
 The light of her boy's soul shines,
 As he rocks so merrily to and fro.
 With a laugh that cheers the place,
 Sometimes he holds a book in his hand,
 Sometimes a pencil and slate,
 And the lesson is hard to understand,
 And the figures hard to name,
 But she sees the rest of her father's head,
 So proud of the little son,
 And she hears his words as he said:
 "No bar for our income."

They were wonderful days, the days
 of school days,
 When a child with sunny hair
 Was sent to school, to learn, to please,
 At first knew in his little chair,
 His feet and back in the tiny room.
 When the great world sought the man,
 And he strode away past hopes and fears
 To his place in the battle's van.
 But now and then in a wistful dream,
 Like a picture out of date,
 He sees the head with a golden gleam,
 But sees a pencil and slate,
 And she lives again in the happy day,
 The day of her young life's spring,
 When the small armchair stood just in
 the way,
 The centre of everything.

A very strange incident occurred at
 the Central high school building in
 Webster City, Ia. Every clock to the
 building stopped at exactly 8 o'clock in
 the morning. It was the day of the
 eruption on the Island of Java, and the
 time the clocks stopped was within a
 few few seconds of the time that the
 eruption occurred, which caused a
 village and killed several hundred peo-
 ple. The phenomenon is unexplained,
 except that it was very likely due to
 some sympathetic electric disturbance
 in the case in which the high school
 building stands.

A SHORT PARENT SERMON ON DEBTS

Text—If ye are honest, honorable men
 ye will pay the printer.—Voss.
 My hearers.—There are many seeming
 tricks in this world which you are too
 apt to overlook on account of their im-
 portance, the neglect of which has
 plunged thousands into the deepest mire
 of misery, and sunk their characters into
 irretrievable degradation. Among these
 atrocious tricks, that of neglecting to
 pay one's honest debts is the most com-
 mon, and attended with the worst con-
 sequence. It takes off all the sili-
 con from the fine threads of feeling—
 creates a sort of misanthropic coldness
 about the heart—shakes off the cream
 that may chance to rise upon the milk of
 human generosity—and makes man look
 as savagely upon his brother man as
 does a dog upon one of his species while
 engaged in the gratifying employment
 of eating his master's dinner. One debt
 negates another. I have always observed
 that he who owes a man a dollar is sure
 to owe him also a grudge; and he is al-
 ways more ready to pay contempt

interest on the latter than on the former.
 Oh, my friends, to be sure! and care
 in love is as bad a predicament as a
 person ought ever to be in; but to be so
 deeply in debt that you can't sleep of
 nights without being haunted by the
 ghost of some insatiable creditor, is
 enough to give a man the hydrophobia—
 make him bite a wheelbarrow—cause it
 to run mad, and create a general con-
 sideration among the lamp-posts.
 My dear friends, the debt that sits
 heaviest on the conscience of a mortal
 is not the one he owes to the debt due the
 printer. It presses harder upon one's
 bosom than the nightmare galls the soul
 —frets and chafes every vanishing senti-
 ment—squeezes all the pice of fraternal
 sympathy from the heart, and leaves it
 drier than the surface of a roasted
 potato. (To be continued.)

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